



## **Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd**

Minute board meeting 10:35 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. 17 November 2010, Urban Camp Melbourne, Brens Drive, Parkville.

PRESENT: Niel Black (A/Chairman), Tony O'Shea, David Dinning, Shirley Faram and David Griffiths (Secretary)

GUEST; Tony Rogic, CFNSW Chairman

APOLOGY: Dianne Batterham

### **1. Minute**

That the minute of the meeting of 15 September 2010 be accepted as a true and accurate record.  
CARRIED

### **2. CFNSW**

The Chairperson welcomed the CFNSW Chairman, Tony Rogic, to the meeting.

There was a discussion on the future potential for cooperation between the two federations with a particular emphasis on co-operative education.

It was noted that In 2007 and 2008 Co-operatives Victoria had expressed interest in exploring possibilities for co-operation between ourselves and the CFNSW but that an initial meeting did not progress into a formal working relationship.

That we write a letter to the CFNSW Chairman, Tony Rogic, seeking exploratory discussions on joint programs and sharing resources. CARRIED

**ACTION:** Secretary

### **3. Business arising from the meeting of 15 September 2010**

#### **3.1 Co-operative Education**

It was noted that the Co-operative Identity workshop will be between 9:30 am and 4:30 p.m. 22 November 2010 at Heritage Hill Museum & Historic Gardens 66 McCrae Street Dandenong it was noted that there were 28 confirmed participants – 11 CEHL, 11 SEHC, 3 MECU and one from the Travel Agents Co-operative as well as Tony O'Shea and David Griffiths.

It was also noted that Chris Cooper would be a meeting with MECU on 23 November 2010 and a meeting with ABACUS Australian Mutuals in Sydney.

**ACTION:** Chairperson and Treasurer

Niel reported that MG was proceeding with its own education program for suppliers.

**ACTION:** Niel Black

### **3.2 CAV**

It was noted that contact had focused on CNL. This has been constructive and positive.

it was noted that there have been two response to the letters sent on 27 July 2010:

Mr. Ted Baillieu MLA  
Leader of the Opposition  
Parliament House  
East Melbourne VIC 3002

Hon. John Brumby  
Premier  
Level 1, 1 Treasury Place  
East Melbourne VIC 3002

The following have not responded as of 31 October 2010:

Mr. Tony Robinson  
Minister for Consumer Affairs  
Level 5  
1 Macarthur Street  
East Melbourne VIC 3002

Mr. Michael O'Brien MLA  
Shadow Minister for Consumer Affairs  
Suite 1  
313 Waverley Road  
Malvern East VIC 3145

Sue Pennicuik MLC  
The Greens  
Parliament House  
Spring Street  
Melbourne VIC 3001

It was agreed that meetings with politicians would be deferred until after the Victorian election.

**ACTION:** Secretary

### **3. 3. Co-operatives Australia**

The Co-operatives Australia meeting was held on 14 October 2010 in Adelaide, SA. A copy of the final minute was emailed to directors on 4 November 2010.

**ACTION:** Secretary

### **3.4. Co-operatives National Law**

It was noted that on the 17 September 2010 CAV was advised of our position on majority voting percentage.

It was also noted CNL was discussed at the CA meeting on 14 October 2010, that there was a preparatory conference call on 11 November 2012 and conference call with the Working Party on 12 November 2010.

**ACTION:** Secretary

### **3.5. International Year of Co-operatives**

A joint National Call for Action flyer had been prepared – to be endorsement by peak bodies including Co-operatives Australia. This will be distributed to all co-operatives, credit unions and mutuals throughout Australia. A first draft had been prepared by CA.

The mail out to all co-operatives will include the Top 100 Co-operatives, Credit Unions and Mutuals released by Co-operatives Australia in September 2010 – a significant promotion to the second list.

CV has secured support to fund the distribution of the flyer to all Victorian co-operatives – a cost that we would otherwise not be able to afford.

It was noted that CV would support the flyer with the amendments proposed by Co-operatives WA.

The minute of the last IYC Steering Committee meeting on 14 October 2010 was emailed to directors on 31 October 2010.

The Co-operatives WA list of proposed activities was deferred until the next meeting

**ACTION:** Secretary

## **4. New Member**

That the Australian Travel Agents Co-operative be appointed a member and that Michelle Emerton be accepted as a delegate of the co-operative. CARRIED

**ACTION:** Secretary

## **5. Financial Statements**

The Treasurer David Dinning presented financial statements

Profit and loss, 1 July 2009 to 16 November 2010  
Balance Sheet 16 November 2010

That the Profit and Loss, 1 July 2009 to 16 November 2010 and Balance Sheet 16 November 2010 Statements be accepted. CARRIED

## **6. AGM**

It was noted that nominations had been called by direct mail to members and on the victoria.coop web site and closed on 14 October 2010. It was noted that there were no further nominations and that all retiring directors had been re-elected - Diane Batterham, Niel Black, Tony O'Shea and Shirley Faram.

## **7. Other Matters**

### **7.1 History Booklet**

It was noted that The Secretary has written a history booklet on the SouthEast Housing Co-operative: The Phoenix - The SouthEast Housing Co-operative Ltd. Directors have been provided with copies

### **7.2 Waverley Trading Co-operative.**

It was noted that there was a meeting with CAV on 18 November 2010 to discuss the liquidation of the co-operative. Tony Oshea will attend the meeting.

**ACTION:** Chairperson

### **7.3 New Director**

It was noted that there had been no progress on this matter.

### **7.4 Chairperson**

That Tony O'Shea be invited to resume his position as chairman following the conclusion of the A.G.M  
CARRIED

**ACTION:** Chairperson

### **7.5 MG**

It was noted that MG's annual subscription for 2009 -10 had been received.

## **8. Future Meetings**

To be decided

Prepared by David Griffiths: 18 November 2010  
Approved by Chairman: 22 November 2010:  
Emailed to directors: 23 November 2010  
Snail mailed to directors: 24 November 2010